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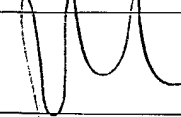
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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/625,178	Applicant(s) TOM, GLENN M. 	
	Examiner William C Doerrler	Art Unit 3744	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: In the ninth line of the claim, "selection termination" should be --selective termination--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-8,11,12,14-17,19-22 and 24-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tom et al '305.

Tom et al describe in line 44 of column 12-line 50 of column 13, a system for providing a pressurized gas by admitting a gas into cryopump 116, closing the inlet valve, heating the liquefied gas to vaporize it, and opening the outlet valve to provide the gas to a storage or use device. In regard to claim 12, reference number 130 refers to a regulator. In regard to claim 21, see line 18 of column 15 which lists some of the gases the system can be used on.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9,10,13,18,23 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tom et al '305 in view of Wang et al '027.

Tome et al '305 discloses applicant's basic inventive concept, a system for pressurizing a gas by liquefying it and vaporizing it in a cryopump, substantially as claimed with the exception of placing the regulator inside the storage tank. Wang et al '027 show this feature to be old in the gas storage art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention from the teaching of Wang et al to modify the gas delivery system of Tom et al by placing the regulator in the storage container to make the container easier to transport and to reduce the likelihood of damage to the regulator. In regard to claims 9 and 10, Official Notice is taken that pneumatic and electrical control valves and systems are well known in the gas delivery art and as such would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide effective control over the flow of the gas. In regard to claims 18 and 23, line 49 of column 13 states that the process may be automated and Official Notice is taken that automated control systems routinely use a CPU to control valves. As such the use of a CPU to control the system is seen as obvious to an ordinary practitioner in the art to provide a system which can function without direct operator control.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Birch et al, Torres et al and Friedt show gas distribution devices which liquefy the gas. Langan et al and Botelho et al show gas delivery systems which

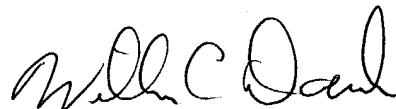
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liquefy the gas and vaporize the resulting liquid. Hansen et al shows a system for dispensing a gas which vaporizes a liquefied gas. Driehuys et al show a system which freezes a gas sample, then vaporizes the sample for use.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C Doerrler whose telephone number is (703) 308-0696. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Esquivel can be reached on (703) 308-2597. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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